(b) if so, the details of this study;

(c) whether it is a fact that a lead-time of 10 years is needed to plan and build a modern airport; and

(d) if so, the views of Government on long-term planning for new airports in major cities in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Policy on Airport Infrastructure 1997 provides for promotion of new airports.

Cess on air travel

141. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to enhance the FDI Cap in different areas of the aviation sector, including participation of foreign airlines in the air cargo sector, with a view to expanding air connectivity across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to impose cess on air travel to fund development of non-viable airports and air routes in addition to the existing Passenger Service Fee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.